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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT, IT  
SUBJECT: VISIT OF POLISH COMMUNIST OFFICIAL  
  
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1. PCI DAILY L'UNITA IN MARCH 26 EDITION HAS REPORTED  
DEPARTURE FROM ITALY THE PREVIOUS DAY OF POLISH UNITED  
WORKERS PARTY (PZPR) CENTRAL COMMITTEE SECRETARY FRELEK.  
THE L'UNITA ARTICLE, WRITTEN IN THE FORM OF A COMMUNIQUE,  
NOTES THAT TALKS BETWEEN/FRELEK AND HIS PCI COUNTERPARTS  
WERE CONDUCTED IN QUOTE A FRIENDLY AND FRANK MANNER END  
QUOTE. IT GOES ON TO POINT OUT THAT THERE WAS AN EXCHANGE

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OF VIEWS ON THE SITUATIONS IN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND ON THE  
POLICIES OF THE TWO PARTIES AS WELL AS ON EUROPEAN AND INTERNA-  
TIONAL PROBLEMS AND ON PROBLEMS OF THE INTERNATIONAL  
WORKERS' MOVEMENT. FINALLY, THE ARTICLE OBSERVES  
THAT THE TWO PARTIES GAVE PARTICULAR EMPHASIS TO THE  
IMPORTANCE OF DEVELOPING THE PROCESS OF DETENTE, TO  
THE INTEGRAL APPLICATION BY ALL THE SIGNATORY

STATES OF THE HELSINKI ACCORD, AND TO THE PREPARATIONS FOR AND CONDUCT OF THE CSCE FOLLOW-UP CONFERENCE AT BELGRADE.

2. IN ADDITION TO PCI OFFICIALS, FRELEK MET WITH THE PRESIDENT (PCI) OF THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES, WITH FOREIGN MINISTER FORLANI AND WITH THE PRESIDENT (CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT) OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES. HE REPORTEDLY ALSO HAD MEETINGS WITH CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC AND SOCIALIST POLITICIANS AND WITH FIGURES FROM THE BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL WORLD.

3. COMMENT. THE USE OF THE WORD QUOTE FRANK AND QUOTE TO DESCRIBE THE TALKS, TOGETHER WITH THE FACT THAT FRELEK WAS NOT ACCORDED AN AUDIENCE BY PARTY SECRETARY BERLINGUER WULD SUGGEST HAT THERE WERE MORE POINTS OF DISAGREEMENT THAN AGREEMENT IN THE INTER-PARTY TALKS. ON THE OTHER HAND, PCI FOREIGN SECTION CHIEF SERGIO SEGRE, WHO TOOK PART IN THE TALKS, TRIED TO CAST THE VISIT IN A POSITIVE MANNER IN A MARCH 29 CONVERSATION WITH AN ITALIAN JOURNALIST. SEGRE SAID THAT FRELEK HAD LEFT ROME EXTREMELY SATISFIED WITH HIS VISIT. ACCORDING TO SEGRE, DISSIDENCE IN EASTERN EUROPE DID NOT REPRESENT A MAJOR THEME OF THE PCI-PZPR TALKS. HE DID MENTION, HOWEVER, THAT FRELEK CAUTIONED THE PCI THAT WESTERN EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES SHOULD NOT SEEK TO IMPEDE THE DETENTE PROCESS BY INVOLVING THEMSELVES IN HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS  
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INDIVIDUAL EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. HE ARGUED THAT SHOULD THE ETENTE PROCESS FALTER OVER THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE, THE OUTLOOK WOULD BE FOR INCREASED IDEOLOGICAL PRESSURES WITHIN THE INDIVIDUAL EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND FOR TACTICAL AND STRATEGIC PROBLEMS FOR THE WESTERN EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES. SEGRE ALSO NOTED THAT FRELEK EXPRESSED DEEP CONCERN OVER PRESIDENT CARTER'S DIRECT SUPPORT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCATES IN EASTERN EUROPE WHILE HE OBSERVED WITH SATISFACTION THAT ITALIAN POLITICIANS SEEMED TO BE TAKING A SUBSTANTIALLY MORE REALISTIC APPROACH TO THE ISSUE OF EAST-WEST RELATIONS.

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